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Applicants: W.K. Hagmann et al..

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RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116

Sir:

This is in response to the Final Rejection dated April 24, 2007, for which a Notice of Appeal is due July 24, 2007. It is noted that this amendment is being filed within 2 months of the mailing date of the final rejection. The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the following amendment and consider the following remarks in the belief that they place the application in condition of allowance, or at least in better condition for appeal.

Any additional fees associated with this Amendment may be charged to Merck Deposit Account No. 13-2755.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 20 of this paper.

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